

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3733  
PATENT**  
Customer No.: 22,852  
Attorney Docket No.: 08203.0005-03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
John BUTLER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3733  
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Application No.: 10/635,017 ) Examiner: Ramana, Anuradha  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 3, 2008, the period for response extending to December 3, 2008, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

**Remarks** follow the claim amendments section.